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# News Release

## **Two Charged for Throwing a Projectile at Moving Vehicles**

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The Harrisonburg Police Department recently charged two individuals for throwing projectiles at moving vehicles.

On February 6, at 5 p.m. police received a report of individuals throwing snow at a city plow truck. Officers, along with the complainant, responded to the location of the incident in the 1300 block of Devon Lane.

As the officers arrived on scene, the offenders threw shovels full of snow onto the windshield of the plow truck and at an unmarked HPD vehicle. As the officers were exiting their vehicle, the offenders also threw snow inside of the police vehicle.

Charles Gill, 21 and Ryan Knight, 21, both of Harrisonburg were charged with throwing a missile at an occupied vehicle.

From 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, February 5, HPD received five calls for service for individuals throwing snow at moving vehicles. On Saturday, February 6 HPD received one call for service for the same type of incident.

The release of this information was to alert residents of the seriousness of throwing objects at vehicles, while the vehicle is in motion. This incident happened in the middle of a snowstorm, when road conditions were already dangerous.

HPD and the City of Harrisonburg have received numerous calls regarding this incident. Please make note; this incident was more than a few snowballs thrown; it created a safety hazard for the drivers of both vehicles involved as well as adjacent vehicles.